



Camp near Alexandria Oct 11th 1862

Dear Mother Sisters and
Brothers I received yours of the 6 and 9
to day did not expect a letter so soon
but am glad to hear from you so often
I received your letter with Marys Picture
in it and answered it the 10th put
it in the Mail ~~the~~ ^{this} morning.
Your last letter came in two days. If
I make any mistakes just correct them
I know how to spell but write in
such a hurry that I dont think.
Sometimes I dont read my letters after
I get them wrote. We are having some
rain now have not had any before
for some time. you ought to be here and
look across the river and hear the great
Guns go off and see the 100 pound shot
go bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum
along on the water. these are fired